execution of the scheme will be taken on hand as soon as the Commission's approval therefor has been received. In the circumstances, the question of laying a statement on the table of the House regarding the progress made on the implementation of the scheme does not arise."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the State Government address the Central Government and press for the inclusion of this scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, we have been pressing for the inclusion of this scheme even in the First Five-Year Plan. Failing that, it will find a place in the Second Five-Year Plan. It all depends on their decision."

Supply of Electricity to the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress.

* 250 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Government officers and workmen specially deputed for work connected with the supply of electricity to the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress; and

(b) whether any of them worked for more than the normal hours and if so, whether they were paid any overtime allowance?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Nine officers and 21 workmen, Sir.

" (b) Only some of them worked for more than the normal hours on a few days. Overtime allowance will be paid to daily paid workmen only. Others are not entitled to such allowance."

SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW :—" Was such overtime or part-time allowance paid by the Indian National Congress? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It will be collected from the Reception Committee, Sir."

Vacancy in the post of Assistant Transport Commissioner.

* 251 Q.—SRIMATHI JOTHI VENKATACHELLUM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(a) whether the post of Assistant Transport Commissioner in the Madras Government Transport is vacant;

(b) if so, the reason therefor; and

(c) for how long it has been kept vacant?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (a) The answer is in the negative.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise.